

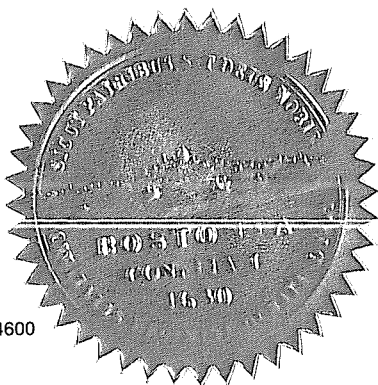
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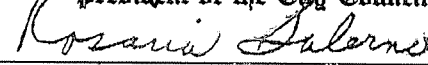
35TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAPE VERDEAN INDEPENDENCE

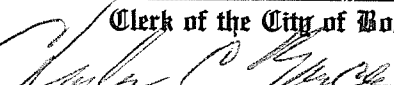
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde, which is located 400 miles off the west coast of Africa, was discovered by Portuguese navigators in 1460; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde, due to its location, became an important point for trading raw materials, particularly with Spain, Japan, Brazil, Portugal, Morocco, Netherlands, and the UK; and
- WHEREAS: The connection between New England and the Cape Verde islands began to evolve during the American Revolution when whaling vessels from New Bedford and Nantucket regularly sailed to Cape Verde to pick up sailors; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde was also a major center for the transatlantic slave trade, until slavery was abolished on the islands in 1876; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde achieved independence in 1975 partially due to the efforts of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde (PAIGC) which demanded improvement in economic, social and political conditions in Cape Verde and Portuguese Guinea and formed the basis of the two nations' independence movement; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde is now a multiparty democracy governed under the constitution of 1992 with an elected president and a prime minister; and
- WHEREAS: Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires has served as Cape Verde's President since March 22, 2001 and Jose Maria Pereira Neves has served as Cape Verde's Prime Minister since February 1, 2001; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde, which became a member of the WTO in July 2008, has implemented successful economic reforms aimed at developing the private sector and attracting foreign investment; Therefore Be It
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates the Nation of Cape Verde on its 35th Anniversary of Independence.



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By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: July 14th, 2010